

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 563**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Rose PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-7-3610
SUBJECT: Community Residential Care Facility Star Rating System

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 563 amends Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 29 which establishes the Community Residential Care Facility Star Rating System. The Bill requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to develop and implement the rating system. The Bill provides guidelines for the rating system, provides for appeals, prohibits the public release of certain information and expands the duties of the Residential Care Advisory Committee to include advising the Department on the star rating system. The Bill does not provide for fees or fines.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control reports that this new program would require 2.00 additional Inspectors and 2.00 additional Administrative Specialists with an annual cost estimated at \$155,026. There would also be a one-time cost of \$22,736 in the first year for research and development of resources, policies, procedures, forms, rating worksheets, etc. Therefore, first year costs are estimated at \$177,762 and 4.00 FTE positions. Recurring costs each year thereafter are estimated at \$155,026.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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